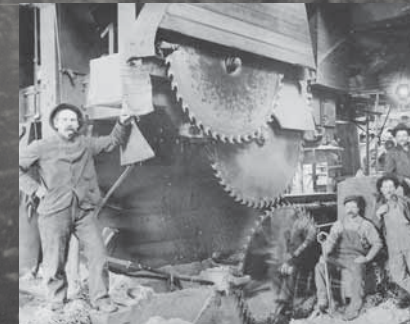


Pond's Past Life

You are looking over land that was near *Omen*, a northern Yurok village. Later, Euro-American homesteaders came to live near the creek that runs through this sheltered valley. In the 1940s, Crescent Plywood built a mill here, damming the mouth of the lagoon and creating storage for logs until they could be processed.

The mill, which at one time employed many Yuroks,

was described by locals as an “ugly, smelly place... with the tepee burner going constantly and producing a thick dark smoky haze which hung over the area.” When the mill closed in the 1950s, Del Norte County dismantled the buildings and dam and allowed the pond to evolve back into a wetland.



The Plywood mill owners enlarged the natural lagoon and stored hundreds of peeled logs.



Influential Yurok elder, Captain Spott, recorded oral histories of Yurok lives in this area with ethnographer A.L. Kroeber, about 1907.

